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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL VISIT -- JOINT COMMUNIQUE

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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF DRAFT COMMUNIQUE AGREED AD REFERENDUM
WITH MFA AT OFFICE-DIRECTOR LEVEL FRIDAY AUGUST 1.

2. POPA (U.S. AFFAIRS) INDICATED EVENING AUG. 1. THAT,
AFTER LISTENING TO CEAUSESCU'S CSCE SPEECH, HE WOULD NOW
PERSONALLY NOT BE SURPRISED TO HAVE CEAUSESCU INSIST ON
MUCH FULLER SECTIONS ON CSCE AND DISARMAMENT, AND PERHAPS
EVEN ON TWO DOCUMENTS -- A JOINT STATMENT AND A COMMUNIQUE,
AS IN PRESIDENT FORD'S VISIT TO WARSAW.

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JOINT COMMUNIQUE

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OFFICIAL VISIT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

GERALD R. FORD AND MRS. ELIZABETH FORD
TO THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF ROMANIA

AT THE INVITATION OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC
OF ROMANIA, NICOLAE CEAUSESCU, AND MRS. ELENA CEAUSESCU, THE
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, GERALD R. FORD, AND MRS.
ELIZABETH FORD, PAID AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO ROMANIA ON AUGUST 2-3, 1975

THE DISTINGUISHED GUESTS VISITED PLACES OF CULTURAL AND
SOCIAL INTEREST AT BUCHAREST AND SINAIA. THEY WERE GIVEN A WARM
WELCOME EVERYWHERE AS AN EXPRESSION OF THE HIGH REGARD IN WHICH
THE ROMANIAN PEOPLE HOLD THEIR FRIENDS, THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

DURING THE VISIT, PRESIDENT NICOLAE CEAUSESCU AND PRESIDENT
GERALD R. FORD HELD TALKS REGARDING THE PRESENT STAGE OF
RELATIONS BETWEEN ROMANIA AND THE UNITED STATES, AS WELL AS
AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON A WIDE RANGE OF INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS
OF MUTUAL INTEREST. THE TALKS TOOK PLACE IN A CORDIAL AND
FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE REFLECTING MUTUAL ESTEEM AND RESPECT
AS WELL AS THE FAVORABLE COURSE OF ROMANIAN-AMERICAN RELATIONS
IN RECENT YEARS.

THE TWO PRESIDENTS NOTED WITH SATISFACTION THAT RELATIONS
IN THE POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, TECHNICAL-SCIENTIFIC, CULTURAL AND
OTHER FIELDS HAVE DEVELOPED AND DIVERSIFIED IN RECENT YEARS IN
THE SPIRIT OF THE PRINCIPLES INSCRIBED IN THE JOINT DECLARATION
SIGNED AT WASHINGTON ON DECEMBER 5, 1973.

REAFFIRMING THE ADHERENCE OF THEIR COUNTRIES TO THE PRINCIPLES
IN THE JOINT DECLARATION, THE TWO PRESIDENTS RESOLVED TO CONTINUE
TO DEVELOP RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO STATES ON THE BASIS OF THESE
PRINCIPLES, IN ORDER TO PROMOTE PEACE, INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION
AND THE TRADITIONAL FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE ROMANIAN AND AMERICAN
PEOPLES.

THE TWO PRESIDENTS ASSESSED POSITIVELY THE EVOLUTION OF
ECONOMIC LINKS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, RESOLVING TO CONTINUE
TO ACT TO EXPAND BILATERAL ECONOMIC, INDUSTRIAL AND TECHNICAL-
SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION AND TRADE BASED ON THE PRINCIPLES AND
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PROVISIONS OF THE JOINT DECLARATION ON ECONOMIC, INDUSTRIAL,
AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION BETWEEN ROMANIA AND THE UNITED STATES
ADOPTED AT WASHINGTON ON DECEMBER 5, 1973.

THEY MARKED ALSO THE IMPORTANCE OF ACTIONS TAKEN IN RECENT
YEARS TO ENCOURAGE AND INTENSIFY BILATERAL COMMERCE, AMONG THESE
BEING THE ESTABLISHMENT AND ACTIVITY OF THE ROMANIAN-AMERICAN
JOINT ECONOMIC COMMISSION AND THE ROMANIAN-AMERICAN ECONOMIC

COUNCIL, AS WELL AS JOINT PRODUCTION AND COMMERCIAL VENTURES.

THE TWO PRESIDENTS HAILED WITH DEEP SATISFACTION THE CONCLUSION OF THE TRADE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF ROMANIA AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, WHICH REPRESENTS A MAJOR CONTRIBUTION TO THE EXPANSION OF ECONOMIC RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. THE TWO SIDES EXPRESSED THE CONVICTION THAT THE ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THE TRADE AGREEMENT ON AUGUST 3, 1975, BY EXCHANGE OF NOTES DURING THE BISIT, WILL ENABLE ROMANIAN-AMERICAN TRADE TO GROW AND DIVERSIFY, THEREBY INFLUENCING FAVORABLY THE ENTIRE RANGE OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO STATES.

THE TWO PRESIDENTS, TAKING NOTE OF THE POSITIVE EVOLUTION OF COOPERATIVE TIES BETWEEN ECONOMIC ORGANIZATIONS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES, RESOLVED TO ENCOURAGE WIDER LINKS THROUGH JOINT ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF JOINT PRODUCTION AND COMMERCIAL VENTURES. FOR THIS, THE ROMANIAN-AMERICAN JOINT ECONOMIC COMMISSION, WHOSE NEXT SESSION IS SCHEDULED SOON IN WASHINGTON, WILL EXAMINE APPROPRIATE WAYS AND MEASURES. THE TWO PRESIDENTS DECIDED THAT APPROPRIATE DEPARTMENTS WILL BEGIN, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, THE NEGOTIATION OF A LONG-TERM ACCORD ON ECONOMIC, INDUSTRIAL AND TECHNICAL COLLABORATION, AS WELL AS AN AGRICULTURAL AGREEMENT. POSSIBILITIES FOR A BILATERAL MARITIME AGREEMENT WILL ALSO BE DISCUSSED.

THE TWO PRESIDENTS WELCOMED PROGRESS ACHIEVED IN TECHNICAL AND SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION AND EXPRESSED THEMSELVES IN FAVOR OF EXPLORING POSSIBILITIES FOR MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL COOPERATION THROUGH THE CONCLUSION OF COLLABORATIVE AGREEMENTS ON ENERGY, INCLUDING NUCLEAR ENERGY, ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, PUBLIC HEALTH, AND IN OTHER FIELDS.

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BOTH SIDES WELCOMED THE CONCLUSION, IN DECEMBER 1974, OF THE FIRST LONG-TERM GOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT ON COOPERATION AND EXCHANGES IN THE FIELDS OF CULTURE, EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY. THEY STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS AGREEMENT FOR BETTER MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING OF SPIRITUAL AND MATERIAL VALUES AND FOR EXPANSION OF LINKS IN THESE FIELDS BETWEEN THEIR RESPECTIVE INSTITUTIONS, ORGANIZATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS, AND FOR CONTACTS BETWEEN CITIZENS OF BOTH COUNTRIES. THEIR RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS WILL CONTINUE TO ACT IN FULL SUPPORT OF THESE PROGRAMS.

REGARDING THE COMING ANNIVERSARIES OF MAJOR EVENTS IN THE HISTORIES OF BOTH NATIONS -- THE BICENTENNIAL OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE CENTENNIAL OF ROMANIAN STATE INDEPENDENCE -- THE TWO PRESIDENTS AGREED THAT THESE EVENTS WILL PROVIDE OCCASIONS FOR FURTHER EXPANDING MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING.

THE TWO PRESIDENTS NOTED THAT, IN THE SPIRIT OF THE 1973 DECLARATION, A SERIES OF HUMANITARIAN PROBLEMS HAVE BEEN SOLVED. THEY AGREED TO CONTINUE TO TAKE ACTION IN THIS FIELD.

PRESIDENT GERALD R. FORD EXPRESSED HIS CONCERN OVER THE RECENT DISASTROUS FLOODS WHICH HAD AFFLICTED ROMANIA. HE VOICED ADMIRATION FOR THE VALIANT EFFORTS OF THE ROMANIAN PEOPLE TO OVERCOME THE EFFECTS OF THE NATURAL CALAMITY. (SENTENCES ON ASSISTANCE MAY BE INSERTED HERE AS APPROPRIATE.)

THE TWO PRESIDENTS AGREED THAT THE SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF THE WORK OF THE CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE REPRESENTS AN IMPORTANT STEP TOWARD THE ACHIEVEMENT OF GREATER SECURITY AND COOPERATION ON THE CONTINENT. IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE BROADER UNDERSTANDING AMONG ALL THE PEOPLES OF EUROPE, THEY STRESSED THE NEED FOR ABIDING BY AND IMPLEMENTING ALL THE PROVISIONS OF THE FINAL ACT ADOPTED AT HELSINKI. THE TWO PRESIDENTS EXPRESSED THEIR DETERMINATION TO STRIVE FOR EFFECTIVE DISARMAMENT MEASURES WHICH STRENGTHEN THE PEACE AND SECURITY OF ALL PEOPLES, INCLUDING THOSE IN EUROPE.

THE TWO PRESIDENTS EMPHASIZED THEIR SUPPORT FOR A JUST AND EQUITABLE INTERNATIONAL ORDER IN WHICH THE RIGHT OF EACH COUNTRY, REGARDLESS OF SIZE OR POLITICAL, ECONOMIC OR SOCIAL SYSTEM, TO CHOOSE ITS OWN DESTINY FREE FROM THE USE OR THREAT OF FORCE WILL
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BE RESPECTED. IN SUCH AN INTERNATIONAL ORDER, EACH COUNTRY MAY DEVELOP FREELY ON THE BASIS OF STRICT RESPECT FOR INDEPENDENCE, NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY, JURIDICAL EQUALITY, AND NON-INTERFERENCE IN ITS INTERNAL AFFAIRS.

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